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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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"The heroes of the late war and of the Revolution fought for humanity and Christian principles, not to wreak vengeance upon their enemies. If this Nation is Christian, it believes in Christ, who did away with the motto, 'An eye for an eye and a ship for a ship.' If Christ's words mean anything they mean that we cannot right one wrong by blowing out the brains of any number of Spaniards. Rising up early and sitting up late, every parent, every school teacher, every citizen in this land owes it to our higher civilization to see to it that every boy and girl understands fully that this is a Christian Nation, not a pack ruled by the law of the jungle.

"If the sword must be drawn from the scabbard, let its edge be sharpened to cut the bonds of oppression. If the fires of war must be kindled, let them be kindled only for destroying fetters. America's mission is to heal wounds, not produce them; to quench wars and not kindle them. And happy shall this people be if thro arbitration and peaceable methods it is given us to open the door of the prison-house to give liberty to the captive. But if into our hands for the curing of the nations God gives a cup bitter and fierce, to be poured out as medicine, as in the olden day, so now 'may the iron hand be stretched forth from a kindly heart,' and may it be a medicine administered by justice. not vengeance; by kindness, not fury; by love and not wrath."

—DR. N. D. HILLIS.